

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2004. Claims 1-15 are pending.

The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

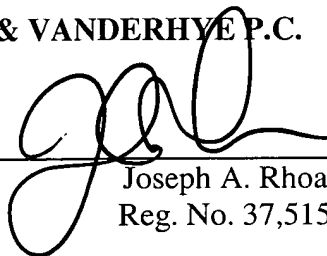
Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9-13 contain allowable subject matter. In this regard, subject matter of allowable claim 7 has been added to claim 1, and allowable claims 4 and 5 have essentially been rewritten in independent form. Claim 9 has been clarified with respect to the example Third Embodiment discussed in the instant specification.

In view of the above, all claims are now in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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